over to Army in 2005 and nine more Tanks are ready for delivery. The remaining quantity is expected to be delivered by 2009.

(c) All issues related to production of MBT Arjun have been resolved and the production is getting stabilized.

(d) At present there is no such proposal to take cooperation of private sector as a joint venture. However, private sector is involved in the project as supplier of various components/assemblies.

(e) Presently, Army is using tanks imported from various countries.

Import of trainer aircrafts from Britain

3700. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to import trainer aircraft from Britain to replace MIG-21; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether HAL can produce these aircrafts in India; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for import?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Government have approved the induction of 66 Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft from M/s BAF Systems of the United Kingdom to replace MiG-21 FL aircraft, as there was no indigenous replacement for the aircraft. 24 aircraft will be supplied by BAF systems in flyaway condition and 42 aircraft will be license manufactured in India by M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Crash of combat aircrafts

3701. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and type-wise details of the combat aircrafts lost in crashes during the last three years;

(b) how many of these aircrafts were manufactured, overhauled or upgraded by the HAL and when; and